

With deadline approaching

Nearly 50 on Ballot So Far

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At the end of 2021, nearly 50 people had declared candidacy to appear on the ballot for the upcoming Primary Election.

The Russell County Judge Executive's race has seen the most interest with seven candidates filing for that office as of presstime.

Four people are seeking the office of Russell Court Clerk.

At the December meeting of the Russell County Fiscal Court, current Clerk Sue Popplewell Brockman said she did not intend to seek office again, and was commended by the court for her service.

Jamestown City Councilman Barry Coffey recently filed papers to lead the city after Mayor Nick Shearer announced his resignation to accept a leadership position with the Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency.

At a recent council meeting, Coffey said he would no longer seek the mayor's office, and would support fellow council member Regena Hinton as Shearer's replacement.

Current State Representative Josh Branscum filed his paperwork to continue serving Russell, Cumberland, and part of Pulaski Counties.

According to the Secretary of State's office, two people have filed for the office of Russell Circuit Judge.

Current Russell County

Commonwealth Attorney Matthew Leveridge, of Jamestown, declared his candidacy for Circuit Judge, and Sarah Beth Gregory, of Monticello, who serves as Chief of Staff for Kentucky State Auditor Mike Harmon, filed papers for Circuit Judge.

The office of Circuit Judge for the 57th Judicial Circuit, comprised of Russell and Wayne Counties, is presently held by Chief Circuit Judge Vernon Miniard Jr.

Present 57th Circuit Family Court Judge Jennifer Upchurch Edwards, who represents Russell and Wayne Counties, filed for reelection with the Secretary of State's office in Frankfort.

Latham, and sitting Chief District Judge James M. Lawson represent Russell, Wayne, and Clinton Counties.

In the Third Appellate Court District, which includes Russell County, both Jacqueline Caldwell and James H Lambert have filed their paperwork with the Secretary of State.

The pool of candidates for local/area offices now contains approximately 45 people.

Information provided by the offices of Russell County Clerk Sue Popplewell Brockman/Kentucky Secretary of State Michael G. Adams include the following candidates:

Russell County Circuit Judge
Matthew Leveridge
Sara Beth Gregory

Family Court Judge
Jennifer Upchurch Edwards

Russell District Judge
Scarlett B. Latham

Third District Court of Appeals
Jacqueline Caldwell
James H. Lambert

83rd Representative District
Josh Branscum

County Judge Executive
Clarissa "Moochie" Hart
Clete McAninch
Landon C. Helm
Patrick Loy
Brad Burch
Benny Joe Smith
Randy Marcum

Russell County Clerk
Sherita Medaris
Patty Glover
Amy Riggins Melson
Kim Kempf Fenske

Russell County PVA
Tim Popplewell

Russell County Jailer
Bobby Dunbar

Russell County Coroner
Mark Coots

Russell County Attorney
Kevin Shearer

Russell County Sheriff
Derek Polston
Nick Bertram

Russell County Magistrate,
District 1
Terry Waddell

Russell County Constable,
District 1

Jeffrey Aaron
Keith Scholl

Russell County Magistrate,
District 2
Mickey Garner

Russell County Constable,
District 2
Paula Glover Mann

Russell County Magistrate,
District 3
Zachary Wilson
Chase Antle
Barry Flatt

Russell County Constable,
District 3
Kenny Luttrell

Russell County Magistrate,
District 4
Steve Richardson
Robert Curtis Coppage
Travis Dixon

Russell County Constable,
District 4
Greg Hammond
John Wayne Grimsely
Dustin Posey

Russell County Magistrate,
District 5
Vince P. White
Ryan Vaughan
Larry D. Skaggs

Russell County Constable,
District 5
Richard Wooldridge

Mayor of Jamestown
Richard Bennett
Barry Coffey

Those interested in seeking office have until this Friday, January 7 to file the appropriate paperwork.

The deadline has passed for those wishing to change political parties in order to vote in the 2022 Primary Election.

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